

# COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ALLIANCE

## KEEP PEOPLE WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES!

In support of individuals with disabilities currently working, and those transitioning into employment, the Community Employment Alliance supports a 2011-2013 Biennial Operating Budget that:

### **Maintains Funding for Supported Employment Services.**

- 9,328 Washington citizens with developmental disabilities rely on supported employment services for the training, guidance and follow-along support they need to stay employed.
- In spite of ranking 35th in the nation for its investment in funding, Washington State has consistently been in the top 3 rated States with regard to successful community employment.
- Employers have been promised the sustained delivery of these services as a critical component of their hiring decisions. Future new hires will be in jeopardy without support services.
- This outstanding performance record must not be jeopardized by further budget reductions. Cuts made in the 2011 Supplemental Budget carry forward into the Biennium, creating a \$4.7 million drop each fiscal year. The service delivery system can not absorb additional reductions.

### **Ensures Supported Employment Services for People Receiving "State Only" Funding.**

- Safeguard supported employment services for the hundreds of workers who do not qualify for Federal waivers. Without ongoing job supports, employer's trust will be broken. These services are the foundation of supported employment and the reason for its success.
- Allow for the continued process of movement to a waiver or establish other supports.

### **Funds Transition Services for High School Students Moving from School to Work.**

- Dollars spent to assist entry into jobs and careers provides a return on the State's Special Education investment for transition graduates. The Governor's budget provides (\$1.668m total - \$835k GFS) in funding for 165 transition students who receive Medicaid waiver services.
- Remedy the funding gap for the 1,210 graduates who have no funding. Allocate \$4.1 million GFS to provide these vital services and match with Federal funds for all who are eligible.

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## Mission

To ensure a future in which people with disabilities have the same community employment opportunities as all other citizens.

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